

It has been an amazing 8 weeks since that magical moment when ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (EMHE) knocked on our door and now that the dust has settled, we wanted to reach out and thank you for all that you have done to make our dream of a new facility to serve our students a reality.

We have recently been made aware of all of the amazing people who came forward and contributed their time, talent and resources to the EMHE project. As you know, we were kept in the dark until they moved that bus! And now that we are receiving the hundreds and hundreds of names- to say we are overwhelmed with gratitude doesn't begin to articulate how humbled we are for all that you have done.

This historic gift will mark a new and brighter future for The Fishing School (TFS), our students and their families. Nearly twenty years after our humble beginning in a former crack house and after having served over 2,500 students, we can now implement new and creative ideas that have been on our "someday" list, sooner than we ever imagined possible.

It would have taken us many years to raise the funds, demolish the old building and build the new facility. And our design, well, let's just say it would be far less extreme! But with what you have done, our students now have a state of the art computer lab, state of the art classroom and individual study facilities, state of the art video technology and our building is secure from the perspective of physical security and risk of fire. Our students deserve the best and you have given them that and more!

Our sincere and most heart-felt thank you for positioning us to achieve our full potential as a service provider to the children and parents who live in the shadows of our nation's capital. You have been a bright light to them and to our organization and we intend to maximize your investment by taking our programs to the highest levels possible.

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